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LETTER DATED 17 JUNE 1991 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to our previous correspondence, most recently our letter No. 161 of 11 June 1991, I have the honour to notify you of fresh incidents involving Iranian actions in breach of the cease-fire between Iraq and Iran. They are as follows:

1. At 2330 hours on 7 June 1991, the Iranian side fired three bursts of gunfire from geographical coordinates 612363 on the map of Mandali in the direction of the forward Iraqi units in the central sector.

2. At 0500 hours on 9 June 1991, the Iranian side built an observation post opposite the Yathrib control post at geographical coordinates 558226 inside the central sector area of separation. At 1615 hours on the same day, an Iranian Santana truck was observed from which 10 persons alighted and proceeded to dig a position opposite the Tuwayriq control post at geographical coordinates 572228 in the central sector area of separation.

3. At 0530 hours on 10 June 1991, two individuals from the Iranian side carrying a white flag approached the Iraqi units at geographical coordinates 907756 on the map of Saybah in the southern sector. They then opened fire on the Iraqi units.

4. At 0100 hours on 11 June 1991, a force from inside Iranian territory engaged Iraqi units in the Ujayradah area at geographical coordinates 4864 on the map of Baydah. The force was estimated at the strength of an infantry company reinforced with mortars. On the same day, individuals from the Iranian side fired 10 or 12 separate shots from the direction of the Iranian post at Kharnubiyah towards the Kharnubiyah control post at geographical coordinates 914749 in the southern sector. At 0850 hours, 10 individuals from the Iranian side were observed strengthening a position near Qal'at Safid at geographical coordinates 588236 in the area of separation in the central sector. At 1900 hours, two vehicles, a Mercedes tanker-truck and a Land Cruiser pick-up truck, were observed heading from geographical coordinates

5185517 on the map of Sheikh Faris, in the southern sector inside Iraqi territory, towards the Iranian rear. At 2230 hours, an Iranian force estimated at three to four persons opened fire with light weapons in the direction of the forward Iraqi units at geographical coordinates 7230 on the map of Harithah in the southern sector.

5. At 0100 hours on 12 June 1991, a force coming from inside Iranian territory intruded into the Ujayradah area at geographical coordinates 4864 on the map of Baydah, in the southern sector, using mortars, rocket-launchers and medium and light weapons. At 0800 hours, seven individuals from the Iranian side were observed building a position at geographical coordinates 518506 inside the southern sector area of separation (map of Sheikh Faris). At 1005 hours, eight individuals from the Iranian side were observed strengthening a firing position opposite the Yathrib control post at geographical coordinates 5523 inside the central sector area of separation (map of Qasr-e-Shirin). At 1100 hours, three khaki-coloured Mercedes LB vehicles, two of them carrying barbed wire and the third carrying obstacles, were observed coming from the Iranian rear and halting at geographical coordinates 298827 opposite the Sharhani control post inside Iraqi territory. At the same time, 10 individuals from the Iranian side were observed unloading the vehicles. The vehicles then returned to the Iranian rear.

6. At 1030 hours on 13 June 1991, the Iranian side proceeded to build a firing position opposite the Yathrib control post inside the area of separation in the central sector. At 0900 hours on the same day, three Iranian Land Cruiser vehicles were observed coming from the Iranian rear and halting at geographical coordinates 298827 on the map of Huwayrazah in the southern sector. Seven military personnel alighted from them and proceeded to erect barbed wire and obstacles behind the embankment opposite the Sharhani control post. At the same time, a Mercedes LB vehicle was observed coming from the Iranian rear from which obstacles were unloaded at the same coordinates inside the area of separation. At 0825 hours, four Iranian Land Cruiser vehicles were observed coming from the Iranian rear. Thirty persons alighted from them and proceeded to unload five large crates at geographical coordinates 574427 inside the southern sector area of separation (map of Al-Tib).

These repeated Iranian violations of the cease-fire between the two countries undoubtedly confirm the persistence of the Iranian Government in its deliberate endeavour to encroach upon the sovereignty and security of Iraq. The Government of my country holds the Iranian Government fully responsible for all the damage caused by such violations.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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